

News Release

Michael T. Vivion, a 5-time Master and SAFE member, recently renewed Master CFI accreditation

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Master Instructors LLC takes great pride in announcing a significant aviation accomplishment on the part of Michael T. Vivion (photo left), a check airman in the University of Minnesota's aviation program and resident of Crookston, Minnesota. Recently, Vivion's accreditation as a Master CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) was renewed by Master Instructors LLC, the international accrediting authority for Master Instructor designations as well as the FAA-approved Master Instructor Programä. He first earned this national professional accreditation in 2002, has held it continuously since then, and is one of only 23 worldwide to earn the credential five times.

A teaching specialist in the aviation program at the U of M, Crookston, Vivion was the 1998 National Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year. He also serves as a FAASTeam representative in the FAA's Minneapolis FSDO area.

To help put Vivion's achievements in their proper perspective, there are approximately 93,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 700 of those aviation educators have achieved that distinction thus far. The last 15 national Flight Instructors of the Year were Master CFIs while Mike is one of only 8 Minnesota teachers of flight to earn this prestigious "Master" title. In the words of former FAA Administrator Marion Blakey, "The Master Instructor accreditation singles out the best that the right seat has to offer."

The Master Instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA. Candidates must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community, and must pass a rigorous evaluation by a peer Board of Review. The process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism. Designees are recognized as outstanding aviation educators for not only their excellence in teaching, but for their engagement in the continuous process of learning -- both their own, and their students'. The designation must be renewed biennially and significantly surpasses the FAA requirements for renewal of the candidate's flight instructor certificate.

Questions regarding the Master Instructor Program may be directed to 303-485-8136 or MasterInstrs@aol.com To learn more about the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE), visit <http://www.SafePilots.org>. For more information about the program and to locate other Master Instructors, please visit the "Find a Master Instructor" section of www.MasterInstructors.org.

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